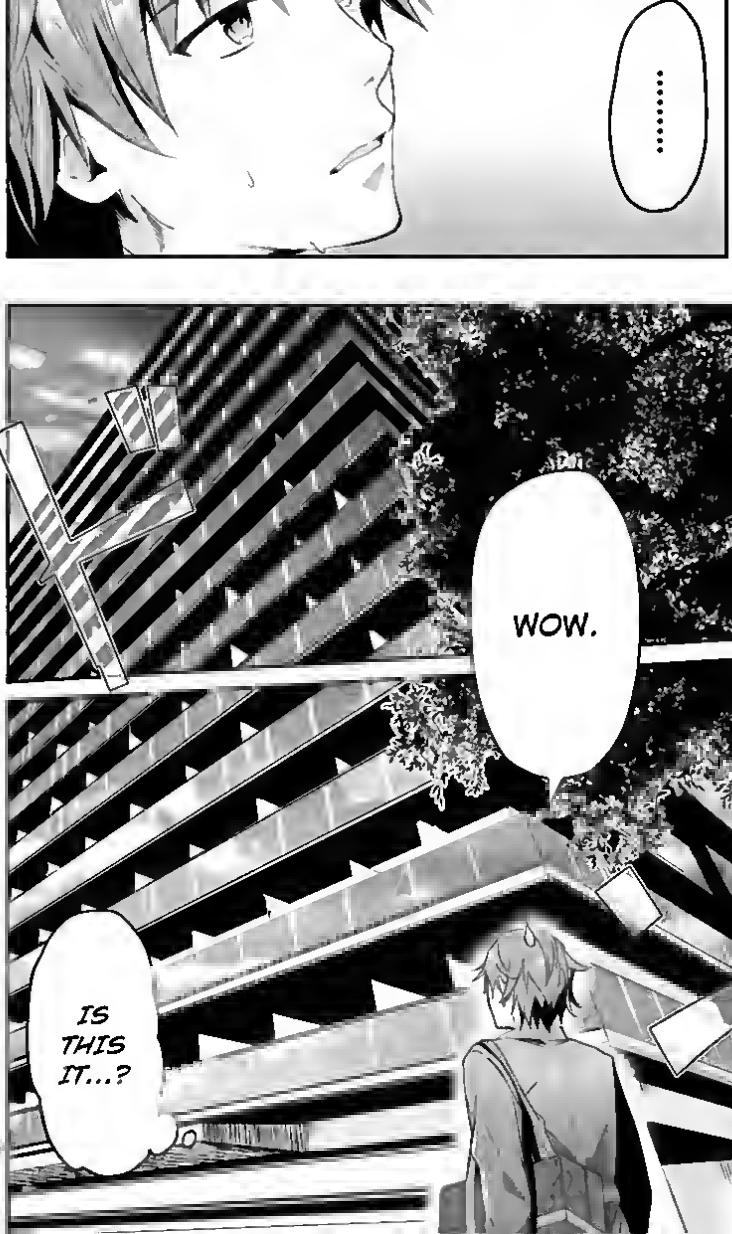
IT'S EVENING ALREADY...

UM...
THE DORMS ...
SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE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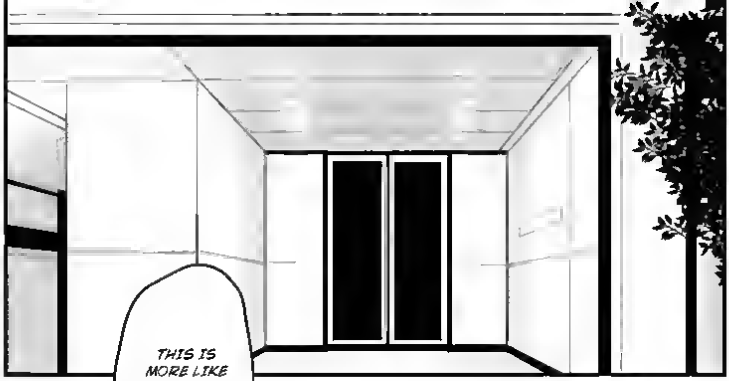
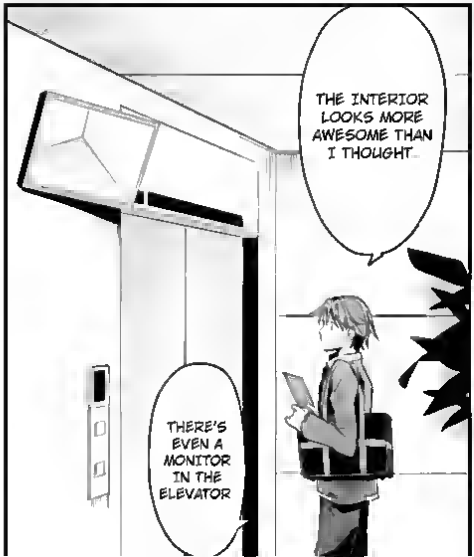
WOW.
IS THIS IT...?

ようこそ
実力至上主義の教室へ
Room 2
GOOD MORNING
YOU'LL BE LATE IF YOU DON'T HURRY...
ICHINO YUYU
STORY: KINUGASA SHOUGO
CHAR. DESIGN: TOMOSE SHUNSAKU


THIS IS MORE LIKE AN APARTMENT BUILDING THAN A DORMITORY...


THE INTERIOR LOOKS MORE AWESOME THAN I THOUGHT...
THERE'S EVEN A MONITOR IN THE ELEVATOR

AH,
THANK YOU.

A GUIDEBOOK AND A KEYCARD...
MY ROOM'S NUMBER 401...

HUH, THEY DON'T ACTUALLY IMPOSE LIMITS ON ELECTRICITY AND GAS USE...
I THOUGHT THEY'D SUBSTRACT THE COSTS FROM OUR POINTS AUTOMATICALLY.
HERE IT SAYS THE DAYS TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH, CURFEW TIMES, WARNING NOT TO CAUSE TOO MUCH NOISE...
AND PLEASE DON'T WASTE WATER AND ELECTRICITY.

NOW, OPEN.
IN OTHER WORDS, SEX AND STUFF ARE A NO-NO WELL, OBVIOUSLY
NO-!!!
THE DORMS ARE CO-ED, BUT UNHEALTHY INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS ARE PROHIBITED.

THIS IS THE BIGGEST REASON WHY I CHOSE THIS SCHOOL.
WHOA...

FREEDOM!
BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I WAS FORBIDDEN TO ASSOCIATE WITH FRIENDS, OR EVEN RELATIVES, THAT WERE NOT APPROVED FOR ME.
I WONDER, HOW GRATEFUL SHOULD I BE FOR THAT...

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YOU KNOW WHAT...
The rest are your homework.
SFX: BELL CHIME
FREEDOM...
He's still sleeping.
GAOOU...

トン
PATHETIC, ISN'T IT.
I wanna go to the cafeteria.
What do you wanna eat?

WHAT? WHAT'S PATHETIC? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

Let's eat
I'm hungry
Urgh...
YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE THE FLEETING THOUGHTS THEY'RE THINKING: WHO THEY WANT TO BE INVITED BY, WHO THEY WANT TO EAT WITH . PATHETIC.

I DO.
I LIKE BEING ALONE BEST.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? DO YOU WANT TO SPEND ALL YOUR THREE YEARS HERE WITHOUT A SINGLE FRIEND?

Ugh.
DON'T SPEND YOUR ENERGY THINKING ABOUT ME GO WORRY ABOUT YOUR OWN SITUATION.
HA
YOU SEE...

I'M THINKING OF GOING TO THE CAFETERIA RIGHT NOW, ANYBODY WANT TO COME WITH?
I DO, I DO~!
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HEY ...
Let's go already! Hurry! Yeah, come on!
I MISSED MY CHANCE
SEE YOU.

I'M KUSHIDA, FROM THE SAME CLASS AS YOU. WILL YOU REMEMBER MY NAME?
YOU'RE AYANO-KOUJI-KUN, RIGHT?
WOW, A CUTIE!
SURE, I GUESS I CAN. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT FROM ME?
ACTUALLY, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU...
HUH...

AYANOKOUJI-KUN, ARE YOU ON GOOD TERMS WITH HARIKITA-SAN?
OW, NOT REALLY! WE'RE JUST ACQUAINTANC-ES!
YOU WERE TALKING TO HER ON THE DAY OF THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY, WEREN'T YOU?
YEAH, I REMEMBER THAT I DID
SO, UM...
I WANT TO GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE IN THE CLASS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO I WENT AROUND AND ASKED FOR EVERYONE'S CONTACT AD-DRESSES.
BUT... HARIKITA-SAN REJECTED, SHE DIDN'T GIVE HERS TO ME.
DAMMIT, WHY'D SHE HAVE TO DO THAT?!

WHAT IS HARIKITA-SAN LIKE?
IS SHE THE TYPE THAT ONLY SPEAKS HER MIND TO HER CLOSE FRIENDS?
YOU SEE, I'VE JUST MET HER YESTERDAY
SO I CAN'T HELP YOU WITH THAT
Sorry.

OH... OKAY, THEN.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE OLD FRIENDS OR YOU TWO WENT TO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL...
I'M SORRY FOR ASKING YOU SUCH A WEIRD QUESTION OUT OF THE BLUE!
NO, IT'S FINE.
SMILE
SMILE

……
LET'S GET ALONG WELL, AYANOKOUJI-KUN!
NICE TO MEET YOU TOO...

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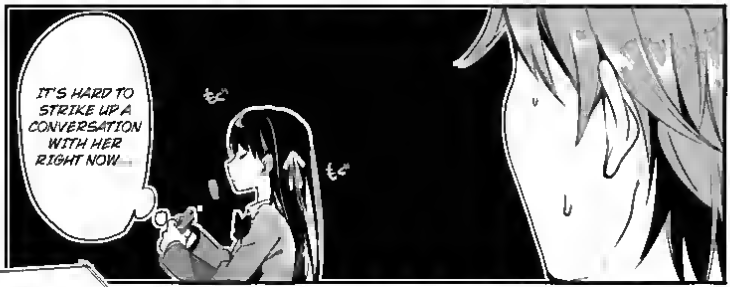
AAAAH
KUSHIDA, HUH
SHE WAS SO CUTE
SFX DOOR SLIDING

CHOMP

SHE'S BEAUTIFUL AS LONG AS SHE KEEPS HER MOUTH SHUT...


IT'S HARD TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH HER RIGHT NOW...

TODAY, ON 5 PM, THE CLUB ACTIVITIES EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN GYMNASIUM NUMBER 1.
I REPEAT--

SFX. DING DONG
SFX. DING DONG

HEY, HARIKITA.
I DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN CLUBS.
...I HAVEN'T SAID ANY-THING.
ALL RIGHT, WHAT IS IT?
WILL YOU JOIN A CLUB, HARIKITA?
IS YOUR HEAD ALWAYS STUCK IN THE NEUTRAL GEAR, AYA-NOKOLLJI-KUN?
I JUST SAID TO YOU THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THEM
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN THEM DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T JOIN ONE!
HOW FRIVO-LOUS.
CLEARLY YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS.
YEAH, MY BAD. BUT UPTIL NOW, I FEEL CONTENT ENOUGH JUST BY TALKING WITH YOU
I'D LIKE TO WARN YOU NOT TO INCLUDE ME IN YOUR BARREN LIST OF FRIENDS.
R-RIGHT, SURE...

SO, THEN,
I SEE THAT YOU'D LIKE TO GO TO THE EXHIBITION, WHAT CLUB DO YOU PLAN ON JOINING?
AH, NO, I HAVEN'T GAVE IT ANY THOUGHT ...
BUT I'LL PROBABLY NOT JOIN ANY OF THEM.
IF SO, THEN THERE IS NO POINT ON GOING TO SEE THE CLUBS, IS THERE?
OR...
YOU JUST WANTED TO USE THE CLUBS AS PRETEXT FOR MAKING FRIENDS? IS THAT YOUR MASTER PLAN?
SHE'S SHARP.

I'VE FAILED ON DAY ONE.
SO THE CLUBS ARE MY ONLY CHANCE NOW.
YOU'D BETTER OFF INVITING SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME
DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT I WON'T BE INVITING YOU IF I ACTUALLY HAD ANYONE ELSE TO INVITE?!
OH, RIGHT
.....
BUT
I DON'T THINK THAT YOU ACTUALLY MEAN THE THINGS THAT YOU SAID.
IF YOU DO WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS,
THEN YOU'D BE MORE PROACTIVE AND ASSERTIVE ABOUT IT
I CAN'T DO THAT, AND THAT IS WHY I CAN'T GET OFF THIS BUS RIDE TO LONELY-TOWN...
HOW CONTRA-DICTORY.

HARIKITA.
HAVE YOU EVER DONE ANY CLUB ACTIVITIES BEFORE?
NO, I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE WITH IT.
.....
SO IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU ARE EXPERIENCED WITH?
OH, I KNOW, SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
LIKE THAT
LIKE THIS
DUD
...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
I CAN FEEL MALICE BEHIND THE WORDS IN YOUR QUESTION.

MALICE?
BUT I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU WHAT I WAS REFERRING TO
WHAT I WAS SAYING IS
OWW
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?!
STING
STING
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT, BUT IF YOU INSIST,
I CAN FURTHER DAMAGE YOU WITH LESS MERCY THAN THAT
NO VIOLENCE!
VIOLENCE DOESN'T SOLVE ANYTHING!
REALLY?
SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME, THE REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF VIOLENCE IS BECAUSE MAN DEEMED IT AN EFFICIENT METHOD TO REACH A CONCLUSION DESPITE THAT IT BRUSHES ASIDE THE OTHER PARTY'S INTENTS AND DESIRES, COMITTING VIOLENCE IS A PROVEN METHOD TO HAVE ONE'S INTENTS REALIZED
YOU SURE TALK A LOT

THIS GIRL REALLY BELIEVES THAT SHE'S ALWAYS IN THE RIGHT...
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
I WOULDN'T KNOW, BECAUSE THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN.
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF I WAS THE ONE WHO SAY THAT TO YOU?
I AM THINKING OF KEEP USING VIOLENCE TO CORRECT YOUR ERRS.
HOW ABOUT IT?

HM...
EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB ACTIVITIES...

WELL, JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE IS FINE, RIGHT? I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU.
IT MIGHT NOT BE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS SCHOOLS THAT ARE FAMOUS FOR THEIR SPORTS CLUBS,
BUT MANY CLUBS AND IT'S PLAYERS IN THIS SCHOOL ARE IN THE NATIONAL LEVEL. THE EQUIPMENTS FOR EACH CLUB ARE TOP-NOTCH, TOO
IS THAT HARIKITA AGREED TO COME HERE WITH ME
BUT WHAT SURPRISES ME THE MOST
I KNEW THERE'D BE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE
I WONDER IF THIS SCHOOL HAS ANY PARTICULARLY FAMOUS CLUB
LIKE THE KARATE CLUB, FOR EXAMPLE
IT SEEMS ALL THE CLUBS HERE ARE HIGH-LEVELED
WHAT, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KARATE?
YOU KNOW WHAT, IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE WHO HAD NEVER JOINED A SPORTS CLUB BEFORE HAS SMALL CHANCES OF BEING ABLE TO JOIN ONE NOW
EVEN IF THEY COULD, THEY'D JUST BE BENCH-WARMERS.
NO... WOULDN'T THAT DEPEND ON HOW MUCH EFFORT THEY'RE WILLING TO GIVE?
AFTER ONE OR TWO YEARS OF TRAINING ANYBODY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE SOME ONE GREAT
THANK YOU FOR THE WAIT. FIRST YEAR STUDENTS.
WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB ACTIVITIES EXHIBITION.
NO, DON'T MIND ME.
OH, OKAY
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TRANING, HUH. I DON'T WANT TO PUT IN THAT MUCH OF AN EFFORT.
AND THIS IS THE BASEBALL CLUB.
LOOK, THE SPORTS CLUBS AREN'T TRYING TO MAKE THEMSELVES LOOK DOWN-TO-EARTH AT ALL
THEY WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THEY DON'T ACCEPT NEWBIES
THE NEXT CLUB IS THE LAST ONE?
WHAT'S UP, HARIKITA?
.....
...HARIKITA?

WHY IS SHE SUDDENLY QUIET NOW?
I AM
THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF THIS SCHOOL,
HARIKITA MANABU.
……!

AS WITH ANY OTHER CLUBS, THE UPPER CLASSMEN WILL SOON GRADUATE, AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS ALSO LOOKING FOR FIRST-YEAR CANDIDATES.
THERE IS NO PARTICULAR CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE WHO WISHES TO APPLY, BUT
THOSE WHO ARE THINKING OF JOINING THE STUDENT COUNCIL SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ABANDON THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINING EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB ACTIVITIES.
THE STUDENT COUNCIL DOES NOT ALLOW ITS MEMBERS TO CONCURRENTLY HOLD TWO POSITIONS.

MOREOVER, THE STUDENT COUNCIL ARE NOT LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE NAIVE, EASY-GOING, OR HALF-HEARTED.
WE WILL NOT ELECT THOSE KIND OF PEOPLE BECAUSE IT WILL ONLY TARNISH THE SCHOOL'S NAME.
THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S MAIN RESPONSIBILITY IS ONLY TO REGULATE THE STUDENTS.
BUT THE SCHOOL EXPECTS A LOT FROM US.

THOSE WHO CAN UNDERSTAND THAT ARE WELCOME CANDIDATES.
SEEMS HARIKITA HAS HER OWN CIRCUMSTANCES.
IS SHE RELATED TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT?

HEY...
ISN'T THAT KUSHIDA...?
AH,
AYANO-KOUJI-KUN!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, AYANOKOUJI-KUN!
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT.
CAN WE?
美少女と急接近……!?
...SURE, WHY NOT...
次号につづく!